

HOUSE No. 1198

By Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough, petition of Stephen P. LeDuc and others relative to the authorization process for charter schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, all
- 2 charter school applications will first be considered as Horace
- 3 Mann Charter Schools based on the prerequisites outlined in the
- 4 Charter School legislation and presented to the local School Com-
- 5 mittee for approval as defined in the Charter School law.
- 6 The charter applicant must demonstrate community support and
- 7 established need in a community through approval by the City
- 8 Council, Board of Selectmen or vote of the community.
- 9 All applicants for new charters shall be required to notify the
- 10 host community not less than 120 days prior to the preliminary
- 11 filing deadline, thereby giving the governing body of the host
- 12 community the opportunity to file their own application for a
- 13 Horace Mann school.
- 14 Regional Charter Schools shall be comprised of contiguous
- 15 communities.

16 A simple majority of the Department of Education must be pre-
17 sent to commence a public hearing regarding a Charter School
18 application.

19 In order for a Charter School to receive and maintain its
20 charter, all administrators and teachers must meet the state educa-
21 tion and certification requirements.